

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 373

By Roberts

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Derek Miner of Cheatham County High School upon his appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves in this State; and

WHEREAS, Derek Miner is one such exceptional student who recently garnered a Presidential Appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Derek Miner achieved outstanding success and joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, Derek has remained unwavering in his goal of attending West Point since the end of his eighth-grade year, and he has been supported in achieving this goal by his family and teachers along the way; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Miner hails from a family with a proud military tradition. His mother, father, stepfather, and three of his siblings serve in the United States Army, and he seeks to continue the tradition with his own service in the Army; and

WHEREAS, he has exhibited many of the qualities of dedication and leadership required of today's soldiers, and his sterling commitment to excellence will surely enable him to meet any challenge he faces; and

WHEREAS, Derek Miner will seek to become a medical specialist officer in the MEDAC core of the Army, a fitting role for a young man who has carried a lifelong fascination for the complexities of the human body; and

WHEREAS, many of his teachers recognize in Derek a thirst for knowledge coupled with a determination to reach higher and higher goals, and his dedication to hard work and thoroughness, as well as his natural abilities as a leader, will serve him well in the years to come; and

WHEREAS, Derek's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success as a cadet at West Point; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Miner's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Michael and Shari Cleveland, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Derek's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of the members of this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor Derek Miner of Cheatham County High School on his impressive achievement, applaud his Presidential Appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, and extend to him our best wishes for success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.